

As we wind up the mission in Iraq, we must work to leave behind a safe and secure home for Iraq's religious minorities – especially the persecuted Chaldo-Assyrian community of the Nineveh Plain.

In the 110th Congress, Congressman Kirk offered an historic amendment to the State-Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, which provided \$10 million in assistance to internally displaced religious minorities in the Nineveh Plain region of Iraq. In addition, Congressman Kirk secured language in the final omnibus appropriations bill, ordering the State Department to designate a point person within the Department to “focus, coordinate, and improve United States government efforts to provide for [Assyrian] humanitarian, security and development needs.”

In the 111th Congress, Congressman Kirk helped secure \$20 million for humanitarian and development assistance for religious minorities in Iraq – the first step toward establishing an autonomous administrative unit for Chaldo-Assyrians in the Nineveh Plain.

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